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AGENDA

Jan 17, 2020

State Capitol, Room 137

Please note: All times are approximate. Some items may take more or less time than scheduled.

- 8:00 a.m.** **1. Reconvene -- Call to Order**
Rep. Eric Moore, Presiding Officer
- 8:05 a.m.** **2. HJR 48/49 Study: Child Protective Services**
a. Overview of Staff Reports -- *Sue O'Connell, Committee Research Analyst*
b. Legal Rights of Parents -- *Alexis Sandru, Committee Attorney*
- 8:30 a.m.** c. Office of the Child and Family Ombudsman
i. Role of the Office
A. Dana Toole, Bureau Chief, Department of Justice Special Services Bureau
B. Deputy Attorney General Jeff Hindoien
ii. Annual Report
A. Traci Shinabarger, Chief Child and Family Ombudsman
B. Gala Goodwin, Deputy Child and Family Ombudsman
- 10:00 a.m.** d. DPHHS Child and Family Services Division Update -- *Division Administrator Marti Vining*
- 10:15** **BREAK**
- 10:30 a.m.** **2. HJR 48/49 Study: Continued**
e. Supporting Parents in the CPS System
i. Denise Johnson, Montana Child Protection Alliance
ii. Matt Furlong, Montana Child Protection Alliance
iii. Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana
iv. Greg Daly, Child and Family Health Case Manager, Lewis and Clark Public Health
- 11:30 a.m.** f. Tribal Perspective -- *Mary Ellen LaFromboise, Blackfeet Social Service Director*
- 11:45 a.m.** g. **Public Comment*** on the HJR 48/49 Study
- 12:30 p.m.** **Lunch**

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- 1:30 p.m.** **2. HJR 48/49 Study: Continued**
- h. Family First Prevention Services Act
 - i. Susan Robison, Director of State Relations, Public Policy, Casey Family Programs
 - ii. Jeff Folsom, Director of Policy and Special Projects, Center for Children, Families, and Workforce Development, University of Montana
- 2:30 p.m.** **3. Public Comment*** on any non-study matter within the committee's jurisdiction
- 2:45 p.m.** **4. Committee Work Session**
- a. Overview of planned activities for March -- Sue O'Connell
 - b. Direction to staff on research or other items related to:
 - i. HJR 48/49 Study of the CPS System
 - ▶ Does the committee want to work on or receive more information about a parental bill of rights?
 - ▶ Does the committee want more information about programs in other states? If so, are there specific states or programs the committee would like to review?
 - ▶ Does the committee want bills drafted on any topic discussed to date?
 - ▶ What other information would the committee like?
 - ii. Other agency or health and human services oversight activities
 - iii. Future meeting dates and travel options
- 3:30 p.m.** **5. Adjournment**

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